

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 8-11 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

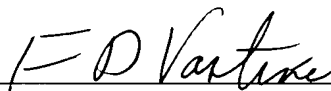
Priority Date Perfection

Applicants hereby enclose a certified English translation of Japanese priority application JP 2002/61044. Accordingly, the present claim to foreign priority having been perfected as of the filing date of March 6, 2002, withdrawal of the remaining ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the application is in proper condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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